

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 85

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Homer Ray Jones of Pinson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Homer Ray Jones; and

WHEREAS, he was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Homer Jones was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps and served with acumen and alacrity in World War II and was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to America, Mr. Jones worked as a farmer, the career he retired from; he was highly respected within the industry and was elected to the Madison County Agriculture Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he was active in the Farm Bureau, serving as Director and President of Madison County Farm Bureau and as Director of the Tennessee Farm Bureau; additionally, he worked on the National Cotton Council; and

WHEREAS, he was a dedicated and devout member of Pinson Baptist Church, where he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-seven years, he enjoyed the companionship of his loving wife, Nola, until she passed away in 2009; and was the proud parent of Billy Ray, Brenda, Johnny, and George; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones will also be sorely missed by his ten grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, he leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Homer Ray Jones, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.